

# NNIG MONTHLY MEETING SPEAKER



September 8th - 7:00 pm  
Group: Keep it Simple  
Tom H., Reno, NV

Silver Legacy - 407 North Virginia St., Reno - Doors open at 6:30

## August, 2018

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# The Bracer



## NORTHERN NEVADA INTERGROUP

# Recovery Feels Better Than 'Feeling Good'

A friend of mine and I started a gay group in our town about four years ago. Philosophically I am opposed to special interest groups of any kind, as I feel that our common problem brings us together and the tolerance we learn in the program should help us grow and relate to various types of people. This, I feel, is one of the beautiful byproducts of AA membership. I justified this new group, nonetheless, because there are certain gay people who would not attend AA--at least initially--were it not for a group of this sort.

As is true with many fledgling groups, attendance was sparse for the first couple of years. In fact, people stayed away in droves. More often than not it was me, my friend, and the coffee pot. We continued to come back, though, week after week, because our city has lots of gay alcoholics in it and I was sure that sooner or later some of them would start taking advantage of our group. And, in fact, they did. Many came and went, but over time a small core group developed.

In year three, however, attendance picked up markedly. Week after week more new people came. It was stimulating and gratifying. Often we'd have as many as forty or fifty people there, but always twenty to thirty. I was delighted! Paradoxically, this is when the trouble with our little group began.

I have been around the program most of my life, as my father sobered up in AA nearly thirty years ago. I've read the literature over and over, have known dozens of old-timers through my dad, and have attended meetings off and on for decades. However, I'm no AA guru. I have had a long, terrible time sobering up and getting my life together. I have had periods of extended sobriety and a taste of serenity. I have also had many slips and repeated humiliations. Our little core group was made up of people like myself--men and women who had had long, hard battles with alcoholism and were trying as best they knew how to study the literature and follow AA's proven path.

The majority of the new people that started coming to our group in our third year were fresh from treatment centers. Many of them did not have drinking histories, per se. They had behavior problems, trouble with the law, trouble with their parents, most of all trouble growing up in modern America. They also had done some drinking and some drugging. Many of them were very young and had been put into these treatment centers by their parents or the courts. These treatment people not only had the key to sobriety, but apparently, the secrets of the universe. I gathered from them that the linchpin of good living was some spongy concept referred to as "getting in touch with your feelings." Most of them were planning careers as therapists.

Some typical topics for discussion at our tables were: feeling angry, feeling edgy, feeling troubled, feeling worried, feeling fearful, feeling uncomfortable, trouble with the boss, trouble with parents, handling happiness, handling failure, handling success, not to mention the ever dreaded relationships. All these discussions were, of course, very heavy and meaningful. The atmosphere was one of reverence. If someone began to cry it meant that he or she was really making progress and that the table had really done him or her a lot of good. The crier got lots of strokes for being so "honest."

It is not my intention to demean treatment centers. I have been through five of them. Nor is it my intention to demean the respectable trade of therapy. I have had several therapists that have helped me immensely--one in particular changed my life. But it was not until I got my feet well planted in AA that I was able to get sober and stay sober. Treatment centers and therapy played their parts, but it was through the grace of God and AA that my life was spared.

AA is a structured, spiritual program. We have Twelve Steps; we have Twelve Traditions. We have a Big Book; we have a "Twelve and Twelve." We have one requirement for membership, a desire to stop drinking. We have one primary purpose, to stay sober and to help the alcoholic who still suffers from active alcoholism. The free-for-all group therapy that developed at our little meeting was simply not AA.

Well, the long and short of my story is that those in our small, well-intentioned core group have all left. After starting this group and nurturing it along for several years I've had to find another way to spend my Friday nights. I was the last one to jump ship. I need meetings that talk about drinking and recovery through the AA program. I need to share my experiences and hopes for the future with others like myself, people who have hit bottom through the miserable effects of alcohol addiction, with all its related mental, physical, and spiritual pain--people who have had their lives spared by God through the miracle of AA. Spending an hour or two with people who are trying to "feel better" is quite a different thing than spending an hour or two with people who are trying to recover from a fatal disease.

Gary R., Fenton, Michigan  
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# NNIG EVENTS

EVENTS HOSTED BY NORTHERN NEVADA INTERGROUP TO SUPPORT CENTRAL OFFICE

**NNIG Monthly Speaker Meetings**  
Silver Legacy – 407 North Virginia Street, Reno 89501



**Monthly Speaker Meeting**  
Doors open at 6:30 PM  
Speaker at 7:00 PM

**August 11, 2018**  
Host Group — The Golden Group King's Beach  
Speaker — Chris S. (Altadena, CA)  
Location — Silver Baron A

**September 8, 2018**  
Host Group — Keep It Simple Driar's  
Speaker — Tom H. (Reno, NV)  
Location — Silver Baron C, D & E

**October 13, 2018**  
Host Group — Sisters of Sobriety  
Speaker — Ilene W. (Los Angeles, CA)  
Location — Silver Baron A

**November, 2018**  
Canceled due to Gratitude Dinner

**December 8, 2018**  
Host Group — TBD  
Speaker — Wesley I. (Calabasas, CA)  
Location — Silver Baron 1-6

NNIG Speaker Chair: Brian A.  
Speaker Co-Chair: Open  
Need more info call: Central Office – (775) 355-1151  
Join us for dinner at Millie's 24 inside the Eldorado @ 5 pm with the speaker



Northern Nevada Intergroup

## 2018 Gratitude Dinner



Eldorado

## Our Common Journey

345 North Virginia Street, Reno NV 89501

**Speaker**  
Quincy W.

**Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018**

Doors Open	4:30
Dinner Served	8:00
Speaker	7:30
Raffle	8:30

Seated Dinner \$39

Tickets are available only at Central Office on August 17  
436 South Rock Blvd, Sparks NV 89431  
775-355-1151

## MORE AREA EVENTS

### Central Office Open House

Saturday  
September 15,  
2018  
10am – 2pm  
Come in to meet  
the staff and  
wonderful  
volunteers  
Refreshments  
provided  
436 S. Rock Blvd  
Sparks, NV 89431  
(775)355-1151



Register and pay for this event with PayPal  
Go to our website for more details  
[www.laketahoevalleyfestival.net](http://www.laketahoevalleyfestival.net)

Or U.S. Mail registration form with check to:  
Lake Tahoe Fall Festival  
PO Box 10913  
South Lake Tahoe, CA 96151

For Questions Call or Text Chairperson Angela Black 775-376-0448

**The 43rd Annual Lake Tahoe Fall Festival will  
be held in the Hard Rock Casino Revolution  
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**October 5, 6, & 7, 2018**



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## Dear NNIG Fellowship,

Volunteer hours- 76

### Calls into Central Office:

- Calls for AA help - 6
- Calls for Alanon/Alateen - 3
- Meeting information- 57
- Retail / merchandise- 10
- Other 12 step programs- 0
- Events - 9
- Business/Central office- 92
- Visitors - 264

The office is starting to get a bit busy here at the end of the month and into the beginning of August but the office is running smoothly with all the AWESOME volunteers. I have a special request if you are going to be at the office on Friday August the 17th for Gratitude tickets Please bring Love, Tolerance, and Patience. WE will try and get transactions done as quickly as possible. After all that hoopla we will be having an Open House for the office in September on a Saturday, keep a lookout for the flyer.

**Ronda**  
Central Office Manager

# The Birthday Club

### July 2017

Paul M. 27 Years  
Linda 26 Years  
Sandra 23 years  
Barbara M. 43 years

### June 2018

Kyle 36 Years  
May 2018  
Susanne T. 24 Years  
Donn T 28 Years

### April 2018

Ron T 7 Years  
Jack W. 33 Years

### March 2018

Kent L. 36 Years

### January 2018

Joan H. 47 Years

### November 2017

Leslie S. 20 Years  
Sharon F. 33 Years

### October 2017

Cheryl Z. 17 years  
Mike H. 22 Years

### September 2017

Phil S. 41 Years  
David D. 20 Years

### August 2017

Danny S. 15 Years  
Deby C. 29 years  
Jennifer P. 5 Years  
Joanne P. 5 years



Did you know you can share your sobriety and gratitude in a practical way by joining the A.A. Birthday Club? Sign Up today be featured in the Birthday Club section of the Bracer

Show your Support for your NNIG Central Office and join the Birthday Club

A donation of only one dollar for every year of your Sobriety Birthday. Envelopes available at Central Office. NNIG Business Meeting or Intergroup Representatives

## NEW AA MEETING Thursday's noon

Children welcomed



**Day:** Thursday's

**Time:** 12:00pm to 1:00pm

**Where:** Held at St. Peters Episcopal Church  
314 N. Division, Carson City (In Rectory)

**Contact:** 775-400-0098

## Afternoon Delight

Daily 3:30pm  
635 S. Wells Ave  
Reno, NV

## Recovery By Choice

7:00 PM Monday, Wednesday  
Maggie's Restaurant  
785 E. Street  
Hawthorne, NV

## AA ANSWERING SERVICE NUMBERS

Reno, Sparks, Carson City and all of Northern Nevada: (775) 355-1151  
Las Vegas and all of Southern Nevada: (702) 598-1888  
Mammoth Lake: (760) 934-3434  
North Lake Tahoe: (530) 546-1126  
South Lake Tahoe: (530) 541-1243  
Susanville, CA: (530) 257-2880

## Bridgeport Cross Talk Group

Wednesday 7:30pm (Summer)  
123 Emigrant St.  
Senior Center  
Bridgeport, CA

## Back to Basics – Our Single Purpose

Tuesday and Thursday  
7:00 PM  
3345 Pyramid Way  
Sparks, NV

**N.N.I.G. STEERING COMMITTEE**  
 Last Tuesday of each month, 5:30 PM  
 Central Office, 436 S. Rock Blvd., Sparks

**N.N.I.G. BUSINESS MEETING**  
 First Tuesday of each month, 6:30 PM  
 Alano Club, 1640 Prater Way, Sparks

**N.N.I.G. MONTHLY SPEAKER MEETING**  
 7:00 PM Silver Legacy - Silver Baron A

**N.N.I.G. CPC/PI**  
 Second Sunday of each month, 2:00 – 3:30 PM  
 Central Office 436 S. Rock Blvd., Sparks

**N.N.I.G. H&I**  
 Last Thursday of each month, 5:15 PM  
 Central Office 436 S. Rock Blvd., Sparks

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**H&I, BRIDGING THE GAP**  
 LAST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH AT  
 5:15 PM, CENTRAL OFFICE

**CPC/PI 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH,**  
 2:00 PM. CENTRAL OFFICE

**YPAA MEETINGS**

**TITYPAA, 1<sup>ST</sup> & 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY 6:30**  
 PM, 8425 DOLLY VARDEN AVE, KINGS  
 BEACH, CA

**RENVYPAA 2<sup>ND</sup>&4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY 4:00**  
 PM, 635 WELLS AVE., UPSTAIRS

**District Meetings**

**DISTRICT-2** Second Thursday of each month, 6:30 PM-Reno  
 Central Office, 436 S. Rock Blvd. Reno

**DISTRICT 4** First Thursday of each month, 7:00 PM-Reno  
 Triangle Club, 635 S. Wells Avenue Reno

**DISTRICT 6** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of even numbered months-For  
 information email [district6@nevadaarea42.org](mailto:district6@nevadaarea42.org)

**DISTRICT 8** First Sunday, 3:30 p.m. on odd months  
 Call (760) 937-8407

**DISTRICT 10A** Third Sunday of every other month, 1:30 PM  
 680 River St. Elko, NV

**DISTRICT 10B** Last Sunday Odd Numbered Months @  
 10:00AM Rotating Group Locations –  
 Call (775)403-0869

**DISTRICT 11** Only holds meetings 4 time a year, call DCM

**DISTRICT 12** 2nd Saturday of each Month at 5:00 PM- 457  
 Esmeralda Street Wolf Center, Fallon NV

**DISTRICT 14** 3<sup>rd</sup> Mon of each "Odd" month at 6:00 PM -265  
 Bear Street in Kings Beach CA

**DISTRICT 16** Meeting is held 3rd Tuesday of the month  
 Sparks Family Christian Church 510 Greenbrae  
 Blvd 6:00PM-7:00PM

**DISTRICT 18** DARK DISTRICT

**DISTRICT 20** First Saturday of every month 1:30 PM- 50  
 South Weatherlow, Susanville

**DISTRICT 22** Last Saturday of each Month at 5:00 PM 433  
 Pyramid Way

**AREA CLUBS**

**Reno / Sparks Clubs**  
 Alano Club Sparks, 1640 Prater Way (775) 359-2727  
 Driars Club Reno 345 S. Wells Avenue (775) 324-9210  
 Triangle Club Reno 635 S Wells Avenue (775) 324-7977

**Clubs outside Reno/Sparks Area**  
 Alano Club Carson City, 1800 HWY 50 East (775) 882-0443  
 Bishop Alano Club (760) 873-6700  
 Elko Alano Club (775) 738-4747  
 Las Vegas Triangle Club (702) 435-0597  
 South Lake Tahoe (530) 541-1243



**2018 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**  
**CENTRAL OFFICE**

Monday September 3, 2018 – Labor Day - Closed  
 Thursday November 22, 2018 Thanksgiving – Closed  
 Friday November 23, 2018 Family Day – Closed  
 Tuesday December 25, 2018 Christmas Day – Closed  
 Monday December 31, 2018 Inventory – Closed  
 Tuesday January 1, 2019 – New Year's Day – Closed




**NNIG CENTRAL OFFICE**  
**OPEN ON SATURDAYS**

10:00AM – 2:00PM

**NNIG A.A. CENTRAL OFFICE**  
 436 SOUTH ROCK BLVD SPARKS, NV 89431



**Submit this form or call Central Office to get on the list.**

**12 STEP Volunteer Application Form**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Sobriety Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: Male \_\_\_ Female \_\_\_

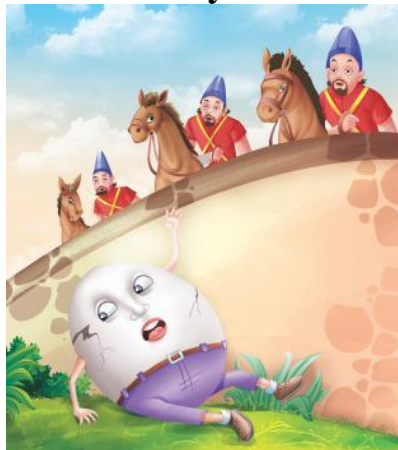
Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Location/City: \_\_\_\_\_

Available: \_\_\_\_\_ Days: \_\_\_\_\_ Times: \_\_\_\_\_



# Putting me back together again

With sound AA advice and a good sponsor, a member with mental illness finds her way



*When I came into the rooms, I could have been a 12-Step poster child. There wasn't a room I didn't belong in. My dad was in AA, so my first foray into anonymous waters was a dip into ACOA (Adult Children of Alcoholics) when I was in college. In those days (1986), it was a maelstrom of messed-up kids from messed-up homes. Walking into the meeting every Wednesday night was like entering a Mecca for*

*resentment. I never worked the Steps or got a sponsor. All I recall is wanting to hook up with the sickest guy in the room, a pattern of behavior that took years of recovery to undo. Despite graduating Phi Beta Kappa and getting all kinds of awards, my first job out of college was as a cocktail waitress at the Yellow Kittens Tavern on Block Island, Rhode Island. By then, I had been cocktail waitressing for years. Since neither The New Yorker nor Ms. Magazine hired me out of college, I took that as proof that I was worthless. By the time autumn came, all that was left on Block Island were me, the town drunks and a gaggle of witches.*

*To make ends meet during the off-season, I worked as a bait girl for a lobster boat, which meant I handled maggot-ridden fish in barrels with the town drunk. Since there was no ACOA, I migrated over to Al-Anon to hang with the Wiccans. Summer solstice celebrations with these women were my jam. We'd make spiritual pilgrimages to Mohegan Bluffs, swaddle our bodies with mud from the cliffs, frolic in the waves under the full moon and get drunk off mother nature.*

*Alas, as the days got darker, so did my mood, so I did a geographic. I moved to New York City into an apartment with a bunch of strangers above one of the seediest bars in Brooklyn. It was a new low to find coke dealers from the bar sleeping in our bathtub as I was getting ready for work.*

*I continued to attend Al-Anon but was noncommittal. I went to a ton of gay meetings in the West Village. My first sponsor, Ellen, was a tough, 32-year-old professional woman who lived in Chelsea. She had her own apartment and would invite me for tea and Step work. I was in awe of her. I couldn't imagine having my own apartment (in Manhattan, nonetheless) or anything else Ellen had, from sobriety to serenity. Ellen was a "double winner" (also in AA) and I was a 26-year-old train wreck who couldn't cross the street without wishing a car would run me over.*

*My mother was a social worker, so the answer to all of our problems was always therapy. I could do a tour of the Tristate area of all the shrinks and therapists I have seen since I was in elementary school. When my therapist du jour insisted I go to AA, Ellen joined the choir. Others had suggested I "try" AA, but I could not connect the dots. I had 99 problems (food, money, love, sex), but alcohol was not one of them.*

*I went to my first AA meeting on May 11, 1994. It was the High Noon meeting on Sunday at the Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Center in the West Village. When they asked for day counters, my response was always the same: "Hi, I'm Jessica, I haven't had a drink today and I want to kill myself." Suicidal thoughts plagued me for as long as I could remember and putting down the drink made these thoughts incessant.*

*I glommed onto Ellen and AA like a drowning person seizes a life jacket. I was working 50 to 60 hour weeks as a community organizer and still managed to go to three meetings a day (morning, noon and night). Meetings were a lifeline. For the first time, I didn't have to pretend I was "normal" or OK. I could be completely myself, meaning completely broken. Being around alcoholics was indescribably comforting. But it wasn't enough. On day 35, I walked into my psychiatrist's office, ready to check into a mental hospital. Relentless voices told me to take my life. I was clearly a danger to myself and others. It was 1994, when new medications for depression began to come onto the market. I was willing to go to any length (three meetings a day, four times a week with the shrink, a weekly eating-disorder group) but flat out refused pharmaceuticals for years.*

*"So you think you're going to go to a mental hospital and not go on medication?" inquired my shrink. That's exactly what I thought. I was like Humpty Dumpty. I wanted so desperately to be put back together again. If I was locked up, I could surround myself with mental health professionals and let my suicidal hair down. I never imagined I would have to go on medication ... just like I never imagined I could be an alcoholic.*

*It took years in AA for me to understand that I was powerless over alcohol. Since I self-medicated with booze, it was really hard to connect the dots. Once alcohol was in my system, my fear, anxiety and self-hate melted away. My tolerance for alcohol was so high that by the time I was 14, I could only drink straight liquor on an empty stomach to get drunk.*

*In the rooms at that time, taking medication was frowned upon. Ellen told me straight out that she'd drop me as a sponsee if I went on an anti-depressant. All the while, my shrink insisted that I needed it. She knew my gene pool was working against me, as 80 percent of my family are alcoholics with bipolar disorder. I had no idea what to do. I was caught in the middle of two women I knew could save my life. One told me to go on medication; the other said she'd leave me if I did. My pipe dream of checking into a mental hospital was shot down, so my psychiatrist wrote me a script for meds and sent me on my way. I went straight to Ellen's apartment and got down on my knees. I was desperate to stop the noises in my head telling me to kill myself and was sure I could convince her to keep me as a sponsee. But Ellen wouldn't budge. The next night, I got the prescription. I was overwhelmed with the fear as I swallowed the tiniest dose.*

*In just a few short days, the suicidal ideation began to melt away. I couldn't believe it. I kept thinking, This must be what a normal person feels like. It was such a relief. I never imagined that my brain could be free of depression. Of course, I still had alcoholism and a plethora of problems, so there was no way in hell I was leaving AA. I kept saying that "if I get nothing more out of AA, being free of suicidal thoughts is all I need to be grateful." I continued to raise my hand in meetings, in search of a new sponsor. I was matched up with countless women, from Big Book thumpers uptown to loose-garment gals from Perry Street—so many women that I lost count. It felt like I had 90 sponsors in 90 days. Then I met Julie.*

*After hearing me share about my dilemma, Julie walked up to me and asked for my phone number. It was at Nightlight Beginners on the Upper West Side. She was clearly unafraid. The fact that I was outright mentally ill did not scare her at all. She called me at home that very night. All I recall is that she quoted the Big Book and said, "We are not doctors." That was the beginning of my recovery.*

*Julie taught me that a group of drunks (my version of God) could help solve many of my problems, even self-doubt. I have 22 years of sobriety today as a result.*

*Since I am sober, properly medicated, work the Steps, do service and go to meetings, I am happy, joyous and free, as is my family, of which 80 percent are now sober thanks to AA.*

*During the last two decades, I have used the tools Julie passed on to me, not only to help other women get sober, but to know when to suggest that they might need outside help. Julie has saved countless lives by having the humility to know that in AA "we are not doctors," and I will be indebted to her for the rest of mine.*

# NNIG FINANCIAL REPORT

## NNIG/Central Office Group Contributions 2018

Group	July	YTD	Group	July	YTD
3rd Tradition Secular Group	50.00	50.00	Happy Hour Reno		500.00
A Way Home		75.90	Incline to be Sober		0.00
Alano Afternoon Serenity		0.00	Janesville Moment to Moment		0.00
Alano Brown Baggers		200.00	Kings Beach AA Golden Group	129.00	486.00
Alano Dawn Patrol		0.00	Knuckleheads		0.00
Alano Jaywalkers		0.00	Ladies of the Evening		73.44
Alano Keep it Simple		0.00	Ladies of the Lake	65.80	113.15
Alano Shake ' m Up Group		0.00			
Alano Sunday Morning Speaker		204.00	Mammoth Lakes Group		0.00
Twilight Zone	26.00	171.00	McGill NV Freedom Group		25.00
Alano Sunshine Group		500.00	Minden Language of the Heart		80.00
Alano There is a Solution		0.00	Minden Saturday Night Fever		125.00
Alano Women in Recovery		39.16	Minden Stephanie Way Group	108.56	297.58
Alturas Hill Toppers		0.00	Minden/Gardnerville Group	115.00	795.00
Austin Group	39.00	82.50	Mt Rose Recovery Room	125.00	1133.00
Back to Basics Saturday Night	46.00	346.00	NNIG Business Meeting	24.50	213.00
Back Room Group		150.97			
Bare Bones	127.00	127.00	Our Common Welfare		60.00
Battle Mountain Fellowship	10.00	70.00	Out and Sober		10.00
Bishop Group		0.00	Page by Page		0.00
Blairsdan Greagle Group		0.00	Portola Group		620.00
Bridgeport High Sierra Group		0.00	Positive Acceptance Group	180.00	443.40
Buena Vista Group		0.00	Pyramid Way Discussion Group	20.00	20.00
Caring & Sharing in Stead	66.86	195.17	Quincy Fellowship		10.00
Carlin Crystal Light Group		0.00	RTC ABC Group		0.00
Carson AA Way of Life		200.00	RTC Afternoon Delight		150.00
Carson After Shifters		0.00	RTC Almost Heaven	50.00	550.00
Carson Back to Basics		0.00	RTC Aloha Group		375.00
Carson Big Book Babes		0.00	RTC Beginners are Winners		600.00
Carson Big Book Experience		29.00	RTC How We Stay Stopped	80.00	80.00
Carson Brown Baggers		1006.00	RTC Just for Today Women		150.00
Carson Drunk Squad		199.00	RTC Little Rascals		50.00
Carson Early Birds		1446.66	RTC Lost and Found		0.00
Carson Happy Hour		50.00	RTC Men's Trudgers		210.00
Carson Jay-Walkers Men's		100.00	RTC Mid Day Group		100.00
Carson Men's NO BS Stag		26.00	RTC Mon Night Grapevine		0.00
Carson Sandbaggers	22.00	22.00	RTC Monday Night Men's		200.00
Carson Sister's in Sobriety		0.00	RTC New Awakenings Group	213.36	843.43
Carson Sunday Night Step Study		0.00	RTC Not a Glum Lot		0.00
Carson Valley Gratitude		0.00	RTC Seniors in Sobriety		50.00
Carson Dr. Bob's Nightngales	48.50	48.50	RTC Sober N Sane		50.00
Chester Fellowship	29.95	29.92	RTC Women's Literature Study		0.00
Choices		100.00	RTC Women on Wednesday		0.00
Cornerstone Group		228.29	Serenity on Sunday		0.00
Crystal Bay Nooners		0.00	Sierraville Sunday Night		0.00
Dayton Fellowship Hall		150.00	Silver Springs Groups	100.00	275.00
Dayton Friday Night Rule 62		0.00	Sisters in Sobriety		85.94
Dayton Sunday Morning		321.00	Slide Mountain Serenity		0.00
District 6		0.00	South Reno on Sunday	175.00	525.00
District 12		0.00	South Shore Group		75.00
District 14	50.00	50.00	Southside Group	259.60	4193.78
District 22		0.00	Stagecoach Friends of Bill		85.00
Driar's 4th Dimension		0.00	Step 1		0.00
Driar's Keep It Simple		0.00	Sunday New Beginnings		0.00
Driar's Club Lunch Bunch		0.00	Sunnyside Big Book Study		0.00
Driar's Serenity Night Owls		0.00	Sunnyside Group		1585.00
Driar's Support Hose		0.00	Susanville Thursday Night	75.00	200.00
Driar's Oldtimers/Newcomers		0	Susanville Wed Womens		0.00
End of the Road Group		0.00	Tahoe City Fellowship		0.00
Eye Opener		555.00	The Rock Group		245.00
Fallon The Real Lunch Bunch		217.90	Truckee Dawn Patrol		0.00
Fernley Groups		200.00	Truckee Fellowship		0.00
Finding Peace		0.00	Truckee River Men's Stag	1400.00	1400.00
Fireside Group		600.00	Verdi Bookies		152.00
Galena Friday Night	201.00	201.00	Virginia City Plug in the Jug		100.00
Gardnerville Roadside Group		0.00	Wed Night Beginners	100.00	202.60
Gardnerville Wed Night Live		0.00	Westwood AA		0.00
Greenville Group		0.00	Westwood Monday Night		0.00
Ground Zero		84.00	Whole in the Ground Sunnyside	200.00	200.00
Grupo Accion	10.00	81.00	Winnemucca Serenity Seekers		0.00
Grupo Fe Y Esoeranza		0.00	Winnemucca Three Legacies		0.00
Grupo La Nueva Esperanza		0.00	Women's 24 Hours A Day	100.00	100.00
Grupo La Nueva Luz	20.00	140.00	Women's New Beginnings		198.00
Grupo Nueva Vida	10.00	70.00	Women Down and Dirty		95.00
Grupo Latino		0.00	Women's New Harmony	60.00	135.00
RENVYPAA		300.00	Young at Heart		0.00
Grupo Solo Por Hoy	20.00	70.00			
			<b>Total</b>	<b>4,357.13</b>	<b>27,002.29</b>



# PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT

# PINK CAN CONTRIBUTIONS

Northern Nevada Intergroup Profit & Loss YTD Comparison July 2018				
	Jul 18	Jul 17	Jan - Jul 18	
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>				
<b>Income</b>				
4000 - Income - General				
4500 - Faithful Fivers	85.00	70.00	910.00	
4300 - Bracer Subscriptions	0.00	0.00	90.00	
4600 - Other Copy Reimbursements	26.25	31.75	183.70	
4600 - Individual Contributions	70.00	37.50	10,430.13	
4500 - Group Contributions	4,395.13	4,261.75	25,269.30	
4200 - Birthday Contributions	306.00	338.00	552.00	
<b>Total 4000 - Income - General</b>	<b>4,851.78</b>	<b>4,739.60</b>	<b>37,440.11</b>	
4002 - Income - Event Revenues				
Event Revenues				
Halloween Party				
4425 - Expenses	0.00	0.00	-350.00	
<b>Total Halloween Party</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>-350.00</b>	
Speaker Meeting				
4440 - Revenue	251.00	278.00	2,438.47	
4445 - Expenses	-335.96	-75.00	-1,269.66	
Speaker Meeting - Other	0.00	0.00	420.95	
<b>Total Speaker Meeting</b>	<b>-84.96</b>	<b>203.00</b>	<b>1,590.76</b>	
Founders Day Picnic				
4470 - Revenue	0.00	0.00	1,274.00	
4475 - Expenses	0.00	0.00	-1,032.08	
<b>Total Founders Day Picnic</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>241.92</b>	
Cornd Beef & Cribbage				
4480 - Revenue	0.00	0.00	-695.53	
4485 - Expenses	0.00	0.00	-2,770.88	
<b>Total Cornd Beef &amp; Cribbage</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1,924.65</b>	
<b>Total Event Revenues</b>	<b>-84.96</b>	<b>203.00</b>	<b>3,407.33</b>	
<b>Total 4002 - Income - Event Revenues</b>	<b>-84.96</b>	<b>203.00</b>	<b>3,407.33</b>	
4004 - Income - Merchandise Sales				
4700 - Merchandise Sales	4,841.96	5,429.00	51,793.53	
4004 - Income - Merchandise Sales - Other	9.25	0.00	9.25	
<b>Total 4004 - Income - Merchandise Sales</b>	<b>4,851.21</b>	<b>5,429.00</b>	<b>51,740.78</b>	
4900 - Interest Income	1.10	0.59	9.91	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>9,619.13</b>	<b>10,371.19</b>	<b>92,598.13</b>	
<b>Cost of Goods Sold</b>				
5600 - Cost of Goods Sold	2,499.01	2,990.80	28,799.45	
<b>Total COGS</b>	<b>2,499.01</b>	<b>2,990.80</b>	<b>28,799.45</b>	
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>7,120.12</b>	<b>7,380.39</b>	<b>63,798.68</b>	
<b>Expense</b>				
5100 - Bank Fees and charges	0.00	3.00	9.00	
5120 - Professional Fees	0.00	0.00	3,480.00	
5150 - Cash Over/Short	0.00	0.00	20.00	
5160 - CC Service Fees	148.80	537.50	1,115.40	
5181 - Convention expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	
5210 - Storage Unit	80.00	80.00	630.00	
5220 - Shipping Charges	39.45	52.25	272.77	
5230 - Alarm System	0.00	0.00	373.45	
5235 - Committee Expenses	0.00	42.02	130.97	
5240 - Compensation	2,302.50	0.00	19,404.05	
5246.1 - Wages - Director	736.00	0.00	6,414.45	
5246.2 - Wages - Assistant	0.00	3,958.00	420.00	
5246 - Compensation - Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	
<b>Total 5240 - Compensation</b>	<b>3,038.50</b>	<b>3,958.00</b>	<b>26,238.50</b>	
5241 - Dental/Vision Plan	0.00	0.00	77.02	
5250 - Computer expenses	0.00	0.00	295.94	
5260 - Copier Lease	340.31	369.01	2,557.20	
5270 - Insurance Business/Workers Comp	0.00	0.00	1,136.00	
5285 - Mileage Reimbursement	0.00	76.00	70.00	
5290 - Office Supplies	78.33	167.64	999.87	
5310 - Paper	12.82	0.00	233.33	
5320 - Payroll Tax Expense	233.97	302.79	2,361.54	
5325 - Payroll Processing Fee	78.80	75.00	692.46	
5330 - Postage	0.00	0.00	152.26	
5340 - Rent	791.00	758.00	5,487.00	
5350 - Repairs & Maintenance	423.18	0.00	489.81	
5360 - Taxes & Licenses	0.00	0.00	210.00	
5370 - Telephone	685.83	472.01	6,506.72	
5380 - Trash	0.00	28.40	210.76	
5390 - Utilities	106.62	124.21	930.82	
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>6,070.54</b>	<b>7,068.69</b>	<b>54,622.22</b>	
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>1,049.58</b>	<b>314.70</b>	<b>9,176.46</b>	
<b>Other Income/Expense</b>				
Other Expense				
5400 - Physical Inventory adjustment	0.00	0.00	-8.75	
<b>Total Other Expense</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>-8.75</b>	
<b>Net Other Income</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>8.75</b>	
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>1,049.58</b>	<b>314.70</b>	<b>9,185.21</b>	

Pink Can Contributions - Hospitals and Institutions Group Contributions 2018 YTD			Group Contributions 2018 YTD		
Group	July YTD	Total	Group	July YTD	Total
4th Dimension	111.74	561.86	Women's Just For Today	56.00	94.00
A Way Home	0.00	0.00	Women's New Beginnings		144.43
Alano Afternoon Serenity	314.85	314.85	Women's New Harmony		93.39
Alano Brown Baggers		65.00	Women's Night Out		14.06
Alano Club Jay Walkers		533.97	Women on Wednesday		175.00
Alano Dawn Patrol	64.00	356.00	Women's 24 Hours A Day		0.00
Alano Sunday Morning Speaker		0.00	Young At Heart		0.00
Alano Sunshine Group	56.75	411.23	<b>July Income/YTD</b>	<b>2067.98</b>	<b>16950.74</b>
Alano Women In Recovery	29.86	67.87	June 2018 Balance Forward	2464.28	
Back Room Group		81.93	<b>Account Balance</b>	<b>4532.26</b>	
Serenity on Sunday		125.00	June Lit Distributed	579.01	
Battle Mountain Group	16.00	218.00	<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>3953.25</b>	
Caring and Sharing Stead	74.46	245.49			
Carson After Shifters		491.91			
Carson Big Book Babes		0.00			
Carson City Early Birds		1415.25			
Carson City Sunday Fire station		705.00			
Carson City Happy Hour	146.00	888.00			
Carson Sunday Night Step Study		0.00			
Carson Men's No BS		50.72			
Carson Sisters in Sobriety		26.00			
Corner Stone Group	131.00	249.00			
Carson City Women's Down & Dirty		23.00			
Dayton Sunday Morning		134.66			
Driars Keep it Simple		0.00			
Early Birds		0.00			
End of the Road Group		115.00			
Eye Opener		667.00			
Fernley Groups	40.00	148.00			
Firewise Group		53.63			
Ground Zero		0.00			
Happy Hour	312.49	892.10			
Individual		33.00			
Incline to be Sober		0.00			
Kings Beach AA Golden Group	44.00	359.00			
Knuckle Heads		0.00			
Ladies of the Evening	113.00	113.00			
Minden Gardenville Group	368.65	2899.94			
Minden Wednesday Night Live	34.00	52.00			
Minden Stephanie Way Group		97.25			
Minden Saturday Night Fever		360.49			
Mount Rose Recovery Group	51.00	197.89			
Northern California H&I		0.00			
Out and Sober		43.00			
Positive Step		0.00			
Pyramid Way Group		122.96			
RTC Almost Heaven	25.00	175.00			
RTC ALOHA		100.00			
Staying Sober	23.00	23.00			
Seniors in Sobriety	50.00	127.00			
Serenity Night Owls		0.00			
Sierraville Book Study		19.00			
Slide Mountain Serenity		126.75			
Support Hose		0.00			
South Reno on Sunday		87.81			
Southside Group	47.00	617.52			
Step 1		43.91			
Sunnyside	97.00	622.41			
The Rock Group		47.00			
Truckee Bookies		9.65			
Truckee River Men's	111.00	692.00			
Vendri Bookies	66.03	300.43			
Vendri Greener Pastures		110.86			
Virginia City Plug in the Jug		227.02			
Wednesday Night Live		41.00			

Distributed Literature 2017 YTD		
Facilities	July YTD	Total
<b>JAILS &amp; CORRECTIONS</b>		
Carson City Jail		1298.00
Carson City Warm Springs		123.50
INCC Carson Prison		50.00
Douglas County Jail		0.00
Church Hill County Jail		312.00
Lander County Jail		0.00
High Desert State Prison		2163.05
Humboldt County Jail		0.00
Jan Evans Detention Center	234.00	630.00
Lakes Crossing		0.00
Lovelock Prison		0.00
NN Transitional Housing		48.00
Stewart Corrections Camp	191.10	634.84
Washoe County - Parr		758.00
Washoe Courts - SB277		0.00
Wells Conservation Camp		0.00
<b>TREATMENT &amp; HOSPITALS</b>		
Bristlecone - Residential		28.00
Carson Behavioral Health		280.00
Center for Hope		120.00
Carson Tahoe Detox		0.00
Crossroads - Main Campus	21.75	826.10
Crossroads - River House		257.25
Empowerment Center Women		0.00
Gospel Mission		0.00
New Frontiers - Fallon		0.00
NN Adult Mental Health Services		528.25
Renown Behavioral Health		82.15
Ridge House		0.00
Saint Vincent's		0.00
Salvation Army		890.00
Step 1 - Men		690.00
Step 2 - Women		507.00
Sun Shine Committee - Hospitals		0.00
VA Hospital		550.00
West Care		43.91
West Hills		0.00
AA GRAPEVINE/LA VINA	86.91	86.91
Office Supplies		0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>2742.40</b>	<b>12,995.90</b>

Corrections Chair - OPEN  
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# A date to remember

**Dinner, movie and Twelfth Step call.  
Sounds like the perfect evening**



Death never scared me while I was drinking, since death had become my only hope that soon all of my pain would be over. I think most days I drank to that final day. I was reminded of this fact at our annual holiday alkathon. A woman was there who I had sat

across from in jail meetings back when she was an inmate, and at least once while she was a mental health patient, as well as many times at the detox center. She was shaking after her recent relapse.

I noticed she looked very different since the last time I had seen her a few months earlier. She had aged way beyond what I would have thought possible in that short time and there was a very noticeable new scar across her forehead.

I realized I had been running into her for over a decade. And a story I have told several times over the last five years involved my role in getting this very person off the street and directly to detox.

The story started when I went out to dinner and a late movie one night with a woman I was in a very new relationship with. The woman I was dating was a renowned psychologist who, by that time, knew I was a sober member of AA. But other than her professional training, she really had no direct experience with alcoholism. But that night, as we left the movie theater, she would learn a lot.

As we walked out of the theater just after midnight, we noticed a small crowd of people, including several security guards, gathered

around a drunken woman. People were trying to decide what to do with her.

It was the woman from my meeting with the scar on her head. Upon realizing who she was, I immediately broke through the crowd and encouraged the woman to willingly go to a detox for at least that night. Once we called the detox center and confirmed with them that she could come there, the security detail agreed to allow me to take her there, rather than calling the police and having her spend the night in jail. There was one slight hitch: I had met my date downtown; I had driven my motorcycle and she had driven her car. Since I could not get the woman safely to the detox on my bike, I had to plead with my date to drive the woman in the car, with me leading the way on my bike. My date reluctantly agreed. So I gave her clear instructions on getting there. I even gave her a vomit bag, which the woman ended up using several times on the way.

Eventually, we got her safely tucked away in the detox. But that stay in detox was only one of many more stops to come for her. She still wasn't ready to stop drinking or admit complete defeat over this deadly disease.

Although my new relationship didn't last more than a few months, the psychologist still sends me the odd email reminding me of the one experience she had seeing alcoholism closeup, in flesh and bone, making it so very real. She even admits that the experience changed how she treats her trauma patients with addictions.

The psychologist also tried many times to place me on a pedestal for being so quick to action in helping this woman. Yet I keep reminding her, and myself, that I'm just a carrier of the AA message. And sometimes that includes taking action and putting my hand out to help.

I've been to a lot of AA funerals over the last couple of years, some of which were sudden and surprising, while others were almost expected. I've watched many friends and several family members, including my own father, drink themselves into an early grave. Even the fear of death itself is not always much of a deterrent to stop drinking.

The only possible solution that I've ever found to work is a spiritual experience, where God so subtly places one of his messengers to draw a path of sobriety for others to follow. Every alcoholic I've ever met has had at least one, or many such experiences, yet only a few will follow the path.



# **NNIG BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES**

## **Business Meeting Minutes August 7, 2018 @ Alano Club in Sparks, NV**

Open with Serenity Prayer - 6:33 PM - Read Preamble of NNIG By-Laws; Read Twelve Traditions  
Approve June 2018 Minutes. Unanimously Approved.

### **Treasurer's Report – Kathy A**

July treasurers Report approved, unanimously.

### **MONTHLY REPORT** Central office report from Ronda H. August 7, 2018

Volunteer hours- 76

Calls into Central Office: Calls for AA help – 6; Calls for Alanon/Alateen -3; Meeting information- 57; Retail / merchandise-10; Other 12 step programs-0; Events – 9; Business/Central office- 92; **Visitors – 264**

The office is starting to get a bit busy here at the end of the month and into the beginning of August but the office is running smoothly with all the AWESOME volunteers. I have a special request if you are going to be at the office on Friday August the 17<sup>th</sup> for Gratitude tickets Please bring Love, Tolerance, and Patience. WE will try and get transactions done as quickly as possible. After all that hoopla we will be having an Open House for the office in September on a Saturday, keep a lookout for the flyer.

Ronda – Central Office

**Chairperson - Paul M.** Discussion of changes to NNIG Bylaws & Articles of Incorporation for group consideration are attached to the Bracer email, Central Office has hard copies and it will be posted on the website at a later date.

### **Central Service Committee Reports**

#### **Activities Chair – Kris H.** –

Upcoming Events are:

Halloween Event & Dance: October 27<sup>th</sup>

Annual Gratitude Dinner: November 3<sup>rd</sup> at Eldorado Resort

New Year's Eve Event: December 31<sup>st</sup> at Automobile Museum in downtown Reno

#### **Answering Service – Mark Z.** –

Four new volunteers joined the NNIG Answering Service in July: Kathryn E, Tony C, Liv M, and Mike F.

Also, MJ agreed to work an additional shift. We welcome our newest volunteers and we are grateful to ALL the volunteers for their dedication and service to the NNIG community. **THANK YOU!**

There was a meeting and working lunch for all the Telephone Answering Service volunteers (who could attend) on July 28<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 in the Central Office. A copy of the minutes is included with this report.

There are still two 4-hour Answering Service shifts that need to be manned: Sunday and Monday mornings from 1-5AM. The Answering Service is an excellent way to help the alcoholic who still suffers and to perform important 12th Step work! The requirements are six months of continuous sobriety. We also need volunteers to help cover open shifts when the regular volunteers are unable to cover their assigned shifts. Please help us get the word out so we can fill these open shifts. Thank you for allowing us to be of service.

Mark z & Mark U

Minutes-July 2018 Telephone Answering Service Meeting, July 28, 2018

Meeting opened with Serenity Prayer at 11:35 Introductions: In attendance, Mark Z, (Chair) Mark U. (Vice Chair) Carl H., Mary Ann, MJ, Mike F., Ron T., Tony C., Liv M. Chad T., Peter B. Dianne M. Susanne, Ronda H. Old Business: The caller ID is now working. Answering service volunteers can now call back callers if disconnected or miss a call. New Business: Open shifts, Mike took the Saturday 9-1pm shift and MJ took the Wednesday 1-5am shift there are still 2 shifts open. Mark Z. explained the 6 month commitment. 6 months is the commitment and a volunteer will stay on until he/she is asked to be taken off. It was asked when going to meeting that it be announced the Answering Service is looking for shifts to be filled and people to be on the 12-step list especially in the outside areas. Alternates are needed for holidays and to fill in for people that are unavailable. Mark Z. went over the changes in the revised handbook. Meeting adjourned at 12:30 with the Reasonability Statement.

**Bracer – Emily** – if there's anything you'd like to see in the Bracer, please email it to Emily at [nnigbracer@gmail.com](mailto:nnigbracer@gmail.com).

**Cooperation Professional Community – Position Open.**

# NNIG BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES CONT'D

Reno. So far Damonte and Sparks have committed to put us on their schedule. The others will need more time. We present to the health classes and they try to work us in the week they discuss drugs and alcohol. The rest of the High Schools will be contacted over the next 2 weeks. There are 4 of us and we discuss alcoholism and what to look for if you think you have a problem and where to get help. We also discuss Alanon. We leave schedules and hand outs. The presentation is scripted with PowerPoint and none of our personal stories are mentioned. It is an information presentation and not an AA meeting.

**Corrections** –position is vacant at the moment, if interested in this position, contact Central Office for more information. 2 year sobriety requirement.

## **Treatment – Rob L**

NNIG Treatment Chair--- I have sat down with all the directors of each facility, that H & I goes into, and gave them the contact information for Dru, our Pink Can lady, informing them that all book and literature orders are go to through her. Empowerment Center is an all women's facility that has replaced their men stag meetings with a 12 & 12 meeting. I have the new female secretary a new meeting packet, showed her what needs to be done and she started this week. We've been granted a new Thursday night meeting H&I. Emily, our codinator for Employment Center, is in the process of getting secretaries for this meeting.

West Hills Detox has had Friday secretaries; step down, not show up or develop a personal matter that prevents them showing up. I've been doing the Friday meetings. Unfortunately this interferes with my work schedule. We're in need of secretaries for Tuesday, Thursday and Friday meetings.

Bristol Cone has a coordinator, Tom E. my sponsor, for all meetings. All the meetings are covered.

NNAMHS has granted us Thursdays, added to the detox schedule. Bruce A is coordinating this facility and getting more secretaries, and Thursdays are now covered. Stabilization unit has also been granted to us and are requesting 3 days a week.

River House has now granted us Thursdays to the schedule. Lina J. is the coordinator for this facility.

Par Blvd is requesting 6 people to go into the facility. I sat down with Pat B, our old Bridging The Gap Chair, and found out that Ryan S, our old Corrections Chair, has a list of people who've already applied and been approved. I am in the process of getting the list. Background check applications can be picked up at AA Central Office and have to be turned in by August 14th. Par Blvd requirements are; you have to be off paper for at least 6 years and must have at least 2 years of sobriety.

My position, once again, is to set up meetings. The members of AA are responsible to step up and run the meetings. Thank-you for allowing me to be of service. Rob Lutz

## **Bridging the Gap**

**Chairperson/Officer:** Cyndy Mowbray **Contact Information:** [faithgrows95@gmail.com](mailto:faithgrows95@gmail.com)

**REPORT:** First, I would like to thank the body for electing me to the Bridging the Gap Chair commitment. I have served on this committee with Pat for nearly a year and have seen the how valuable BTG is in terms of helping the newcomer make his or her way into the rooms of A.A. after leaving the treatment facility. I am grateful to be able to continue the fabulous work that Pat has begun here in the Reno/Sparks/Carson City area in making the BTG program the success that it is. That being said, I hit the ground running almost immediately upon taking over the commitment. There were two treatment facility commitments that needed to be filled on the same day and one a week later. It was extremely rewarding to get in touch with the presenters and get “yes’s” and then find the speakers for them and get “yes’s” as well, especially because I had to complete all this prior to leaving on a two week vacation with no cell or internet service for the two weeks I was gone. Thank you to those BTG committee members who made themselves available for these three commitments!

This brings me to my focus for the first part of this upcoming year. I plan to make presentations at groups to inform the groups of the service opportunity for A.A.'s to be either presenters or speakers at treatment facilities. The commitment is flexible, once a month at the very most, but with more committed people available there is the ability to create a quarterly rotation. The presenting involves a scripted explanation of what Bridging the Gap is and showing a video. The speaker then shares their experience in A.A. for 10 minutes. There is a sobriety time requirement for each (2yrs, 1yr respectively). If your group does not have an NNIG representative to set up a group presentation, but you would like to have me present Bridging the Gap to your group (it is only a 10-15 minute presentation) contact me @ [faithgrows95@gmail.com](mailto:faithgrows95@gmail.com).



# NNIG BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES CONT'D

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## Speaker Committee Chairperson – Brain A.

Monthly Speaker Meeting; Doors open at 6:30 PM and Speaker at 7:00 PM.

July 14, 2018 Host Group — Midday Group 2pm RTC Speaker — Karen S. (Reno, NV) Location — Silver Baron 1-6, August 11, 2018 Host Group — The Golden Group King's Beach Speaker — Chris S. (Altadena, CA) Location — Silver Baron A, September 8, 2018 Host Group — Keep It Simple Driar's Speaker — Wesley I. (Calabasas, CA) Location — Silver Baron C, D & E

October 13, 2018 Host Group — Sisters of Sobriety Speaker — TBD Location — Silver Baron C, D & E

November, 2018 Canceled due to Gratitude Dinner and no availability at Silver Legacy

NNIG Speaker Chair: Brian A. Speaker Co-Chair: Open Need more info call: Central Office – (775) 355-1151

Join us for dinner at Millie's 24 inside the Eldorado @ 5 pm with the speaker

## Sunshine Committee – Staci P.

Hi I'm Stacy, alcoholic and your Sunshine Committee Chair. I'm almost through updating the committee volunteer list, I have 34 confirmed volunteers. If any of you would like to sign up, I have forms here. Please take some back to your meetings and announce it. I have had two people contact me that know of members in the hospital. One was still in ICU and only family could visit and the other was not ready for someone to come and see him. As soon as they are ready I will set up a visit. It is best if you know someone in the hospital that might want a visit to have them call me or central office and leave their information (full name, phone number, hospital and room number). I would hate to go to make a visit and someone not be ready for visitors. Thank you for allowing me to serve, Stacy.

Web Site Chair – Ollie – If you have comments or suggestions, email NNIGwebmaster@gmail.com

## Northern Nevada Area 42 Liaison – Chris S.

NAGSC intergroup liaison report for August 7, 2018, On August 4, 2018 Northern Area General Service Committee came together in Battle Mountain for our Quarterly meeting. District 10a hosted the meeting and we all met at the court house. I think that some of us thought that meeting in the court house we would be sitting in an old building, but of course we were wrong and it was very new and updated. There was lots of food and 50+ members. Some of the Northern Area committee members joined with the Southern Area committee members via conference calls for a project. The project was to explain what the committees of the General Service Conference were about, to include who sits on the committee, and their function as a committee. We all learned a lot more than we knew going in. On Sept 14-16 both NAGSC and SAGSC will be traveling to the Area 42 Assembly in Tonopah once again. We usually see upwards of 200 members at the conference. The hotels and restaurants love us if only for the weekend. Who would guess that a small town would love 200 alcoholics coming to town? I think most towns would run for their lives. At this conference we will be voting in the new committee for the next 2 year rotation starting in January 2019. Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

## RENVYPAA Liaison – Open

# NNIG STEERING COMMITTEE MINUTES

July 31, 2018 held at Central Office. \*Serenity Prayer; Roll Call: Paul M, Jamie F, Jeff J, Kathy A, Ron T, Chris G, Kris H, Ronda H, Tom PI chair, Approve, June Steering Committee Minutes

Treasurers Report – Kathy A – reported on the current status of the bank accounts, as reflected in a present printout from our account's webpage(s).

Old Business Agenda Items – None

New Business Agenda – PI chair Tom to present budget for finger printing volunteers. Traditions workshop, Womens Just for Today, to be announced in Bracer

## New Business

Operating -Employee Handbook

## Meeting Old Business

Open positions for CPC, Corrections

\*Motion to Close the meeting

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